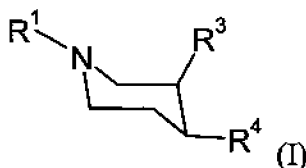


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A piperidine derivative of the Formula I:



or any of its isomers or any mixture of its isomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

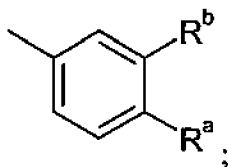
wherein

R¹ represents hydrogen or alkyl;

R³ represents -CH₂-O-R^c;

wherein R^c represents alkyl or cycloalkylalkyl;

R⁴ represents



wherein R^a and R^b independently of each other represent halo.

2. (Currently Amended) The chemical compound of claim 1, or any of its isomers or any mixture of its isomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

R¹ represents hydrogen.

3. (Currently Amended) The chemical compound of claim 1, or any of its isomers or any mixture of its isomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

R¹ represents alkyl.

4. (Currently Amended) The chemical compound according to claim 1, or any of its isomers or any mixture of its isomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R^c represents alkyl.

5. (Currently Amended) The chemical compound according to claim 1, or any of its isomers or any mixture of its isomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R^c represents cycloalkylalkyl.

6. (Currently Amended) The chemical compound according to claim 1, or any of its isomers or any mixture of its isomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R^a represents chloro and R^b represents chloro.

7. (Original) The chemical compound of claim 1, which is

1-methyl-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

1-methyl-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

1-methyl-3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

1-methyl-3-isobutoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

or any of its isomers or any mixture of its isomers, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. (Original) The chemical compound of claim 1, which is

(±)-Cis-1-methyl-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(±)-Cis-1-methyl-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(±)-Trans-1-methyl-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(±)-Trans-1-methyl-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(+)-Cis-1-methyl-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(+)-Cis-1-methyl-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(-)-Cis-1-methyl-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(+)-Cis-1-methyl-3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(-)-Cis-1-methyl-3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(-)-Cis-1-methyl-3-isobutoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(+)-Trans-1-methyl-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(-)-Trans-1-methyl-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(+)-Trans-1-methyl-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(-)-Trans-1-methyl-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(-)-Trans-1-methyl-3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(-)-Trans-1-methyl-3-isobutoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(+)-Cis-1-methyl-3-isobutoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(+)-Trans-1-methyl-3-isobutoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(+)-Trans-1-methyl-3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(-)-Cis-1-methyl-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine ;
(+)-Cis-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(-)-Cis-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(+)-Cis-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine ;
(-)-Cis-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine ;
(+)-Cis-3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(-)-Cis-3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(+)-Trans-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine ;
(-)-Trans-3-ethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine ;
(+)-Trans-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine ;
(-)-Trans-3-methoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine ;
(-)-Trans-3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine ;
(+)-Trans-3-cyclopropylmethoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;

(+)-Cis-3-isobutoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(-)-Cis-3-isobutoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(+)-Trans-3-isobutoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
(-)-Trans-3-isobutoxymethyl-4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperidine;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. – 13. (Cancelled).